



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YONEYAMA, et al**

Serial No.: **09/515,896**

Group Art Unit: **2613**

Filed: **February 28, 2000**

Examiner: **Tung T. VO**

For: **A VIDEO CODING APPARATUS ACCORDING TO A FEATURE OF
A VIDEO PICTURE**

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED March 8, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 3, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **March 8, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-16, drawn to apparatus and method for coding a video picture using inter-frame and intra-frame mode prediction; and Group (II), Claims 17-26, drawn to apparatus and method for coding a video based on a field or frame structure of interlace images.

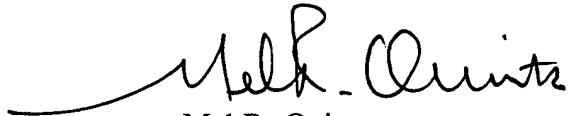
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-16 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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